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In re application of:)
Galloway et al.)
Serial No.: 09/747,521)
Filed: December 21, 2000)
For: **METHODS FOR PROTECTING**
AGAINST LETHAL INFECTION
WITH *BACILLUS ANTHRACIS*)
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE--ISSUE FEE PAID--TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) HAVING AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2))

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of the above-referenced application from issue. The issue fee for this case was paid on April 11, 2005.

The application has not yet been scheduled to issue.

The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of a request for continued examination ("RCE") having a supplemental information disclosure statement ("IDS"). 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2).

An RCE having an IDS is being filed with this Petition. This withdrawal from issuance is being requested so that the PTO will be able to consider the references in the supplemental IDS accompanying the RCE. Applicant received an European Search Report mailed May 6, 2005 in a related European application (00990284.2). A copy of this report is enclosed for the Office's convenience. Please note that U.S. Patent No. 5,840,312, included herewith, is listed on

the Annex to the Search Report as a family member of WO 92/19720, which is cited in the Search Report. The U.S. Patent is also provided for the Office's convenience.

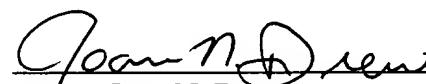
Please charge Deposit Account 03-0172, for the petition fee of \$130.00 and the RCE fee of \$770.00, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) & (h).

It is believed that no additional fees are due with this petition; however, if any additional fees are due in this matter, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 03-0172.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Applicant's attorney below.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: May 23, 2005


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